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Community Calendar

Sumpter Township Hall Will be closed for holiday

Sumpter Township Hall will be closed from Dec. 23 through Jan. 1 to mark the holiday season.

The treasurer's office, only, will be open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. for tax payments only.

The offices will resume regular hours Jan. 2.

7th Annual Curling Royale Tournament set in Romulus

The 7th Annual Curling Royal in "R" District is planned for 2 p.m. Jan.18 at Mary Ann Banks Park in Romulus.

Four-person teams can now complete the recommended pre-registration or register beginning at noon the day of the games.

Registration is $100 per team or $25 per individual player.

All proceeds will help fund the "Great Lakes Burn Camp for Kids." Checks should be made payable to Great Lakes Burn Camp.

Register at the Community Development Office in Romulus City Hall at 11111 Wayne Road or online at https://www.romulusgov.com/.../7th-Annual-Curling-Royale-132 or by calling (734) 942-7545.

This event is weather permitting. The backup date is Saturday, Jan. 25.

No experience is necessary for this event, and snacks and refreshments are available for purchase.

A special Happy Hour at Artisan Reserve is planned following the event.

Northville Community Awards Dinner tickets now on sale

Tickets for the annual Northville Community Annual Awards Dinner organized by the Northville Chamber of Commerce are now available. The event which recognized a variety of civic accomplishments including business excellence, volunteers of the year and the prestigious John Genitti Citizen of the Year award will be presented during the event.

The event is planned to begin with cocktails at 5 p.m. Feb. 6 at Genitti's Hole in the Wall with dinner scheduled for 6 p.m. For tickets, contact the chamber office. Award nominations are also being accepted.

Plymouth Ice Festival planned

Get ready to immerse yourself in a world of icy enchantment as the Plymouth Ice Festival 2025 is planned for Jan. 31, Feb. 1 and Feb. 2.

The annual event takes place throughout downtown Plymouth and features a park full of professionally carved ice sculptures along with exhibits throughout the business community. The festival includes live music, demonstrations, interactive exhibits, games and special festival food vendors.

The event is free and parking fees are collected by civic organizations.

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Death of Romulus councilwoman is mourned

City of Romulus Councilwoman Virginia Williams died unexpectedly Dec. 15.

With a focus on being an advocate for her community, Williams was first elected to the Romulus City Council in 2017. She was re-elected in 2021 and was acting as Council Chairperson Pro-Tem at the time of her death.

Williams's dedication to helping those in need was unparalleled, noted a prepared statement from the office of Mayor William McCraight.

Mrs. Williams was integral to the weekly food distributions in the city through a partnership she forged with Forgotten Harvest. Friends remarked that she often endured inclement weather to ensure that the food was distributed to those in need. She actively participated and organized multiple community events including the Halloween Trunk or Treat, the city Movies in the Park and the annual holiday meal giveaway which included turkey, side dishes and desserts for more than 400 Romulus residents. Her dedicated efforts secured the donations of the turkeys and food from local businesses to ensure the entire community enjoyed a holiday dinner.

In an official statement, the City of Romulus "sent heartfelt condolences to the family, friends and the countless lives that were touched through the contributions of Councilwoman Virginia Williams."

Wayne County Executive Warren Evans, a long-time friend of Ms. Williams, expressed his condolences to her family.

"I am deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Romulus Councilwoman Virginia Williams. Virginia was a longtime friend and a steadfast advocate for those in need, always leading initiatives to bring people together and make a difference. Her unwavering dedication and selflessness were felt across the community, leaving a profound and lasting impact.

"My thoughts and sincerest condolences are with her family, friends, and all whose lives were enriched by her kindness and service. Virginia's remarkable contributions and legacy of service will be remembered and cherished for years to come."

Councilwoman Virginia Williams

Funeral arrangements were unavailable at press time.

HALLELUJAH!

Student concert welcomes holidays

Again this year, Plymouth Township Trustee John Stewart conducted The Hallelujah Chorus, the final offering in the annual Plymouth Noon Rotary Club Christmas Concert. Each year, students from the music programs at the Plymouth Canton schools arrive to entertain the members and multiple guests with holiday music and carols. The much-anticipated event included musicians from the school Symphony Orchestra and members of the Festival Singers. The joint performance last week received a standing ovation from the audience. The orchestra members were directed by Michael Edwards, the director of orchestras in the school district while Jennifer Neumann, director of choirs, led the singers.

The singers were accompanied by pianist Stephen Lynn. "The talent here is remarkable," Stewart, a music enthusiast and supporter of the Michigan Philharmonic, said. "There are professional groups who do not have this skill and talent." Stewart said he rehearsed only one afternoon with the students whose performance and understanding of the music was "outstanding."

New year will bring new residents to Canton, Plymouth

Residents in both Plymouth and Canton Townships can expect to see several new neighbors during the new year.

Construction is under way at new townhomes being built at the former Wycoff Steel/Elks Lodge site near Haggerty and Ann Arbor roads in Plymouth Township. The developer, Toll Brothers, said the "luxury townhomes" will be offered to buyers in early 2025.

Artist's rendering of Springs at Willow Creek

In Canton Township, pre-leasing is expected to begin at the new Springs at Willow Creek, a 40-acre project being developed by Continental Properties on the east side of Lotz Road between Lotz and Cherry Hill roads. The new development includes 14 two-story townhome buildings with 20 apartments in each building. Units with one- two- and three bedrooms, along with some studio apartments, will be available, according to a prepared statement from the developer. Monthly rent is expected to range from $1,440-$2,600.

"Residents will enjoy a resort-style living experience, with excellent amenities including a 24-hour fitness center, a modern clubhouse, and two pet playgrounds," Heather Riggs, vice president of multifamily operations at Continental Properties, said in a press release.

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Romulus Deputy Clerk awarded certification

D'Sjonaun Hockenhull of Romulus recently earned the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC), which is awarded by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC), Inc.

Hockenhull, 34, is presently the deputy city clerk in Romulus. He previously worked for 13 years with the 34th District Court in various departments before being named deputy clerk in September of 2020. He attended Washtenaw Community College and Easter Michigan University.

The professional organization grants the CMC designation only to municipal clerks who complete demanding education requirements; and have a record of significant contributions to their local government, community and state.

The International Institute of Municipal Clerks, founded in 1947, has 14,000 members throughout the United States, Canada, and 15 other countries, and the mission of this global non-profit corporation is to enhance the educational opportunities and professional development of its diverse membership.

"In light of the speed and drastic nature of change these days, lifelong learning is not only desirable, it is necessary for all in local government to keep pace with the growing demands and changing needs of the citizens we serve. Your city can take immense pride in D'Sjonaun's educational accomplishments and achievement of this milestone," noted Lisa Garcia, president of the IIMC.

"On behalf of the IIMC Board of Directors, I am honored to endorse the conferring of CMC to D'Sjonaun Hockenhull, CMC of City of Romulus. We share your pride in this achievement, and we applaud your support of the role D'Sjonaun plays in your city," she added in a prepared statement.

THOMAS J. YACK
PARTNERSHIP FOR THE ARTS & HUMANITIES FOUNDER
This tree symbolizes Tom's strong leadership, vision, and commitment to the Canton community. Rooted in Cherry Hill Village, may it grow as a lasting testament to his impact, dedication, and love for Canton
DEDICATED DECEMBER 7, 2024

P'ART'ner

Tom Yack, former Canton Township Supzervisor, was recently honored for his vision and leadership in establishing the Partnership for the Arts & Humanities, as well as the multipurpose arts studio complex known as the Village Arts Factory in the township. Yack, who will be retiring to Emeritus Status with the Partnership after serving on the board of directors since the group was founded more than 20 years ago. He served as the chairman of the group for several years. Current Canton Township Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak and several elected officials were on hand to recognize Yack's contributions to the township and the arts group along with past chairman of the Partnership for the Arts & Humanities Ann Conklin.

'Porch pirates'

Northville Township program provides package protection

Porch pirates have found their nemesis in Northville Township.

Again this year, the Northville Township Police Department will offer Operation Max's Vault, a he free program, named after the department therapy dog, allows residents who online shop to send their purchases to the police department instead of their home address.

The program is available until Jan.1, 2025 and is an effort to reduce the opportunity for theft by "porch pirates" stealing delivered items from homes.

In a 2023 survey by SafeWise, an estimated 119 million packages were stolen in the United States in the past year. In November and December 2023, Northville Township Police reported nine incidents of theft of mail or packages, while the Oakland/Western Wayne/Washtenaw area recorded 81 incidents.

The temporary package storage solution, offered for the second year in the township, permits purchases under 50 pounds to be sent to the police department in care of Max's Vault. The parcels are stored in a secured area and must be retrieved by the owner within five days of arrival. In 2023, the police department logged 31 uses of Operation Max's Vault.

Deliveries cannot contain hazardous materials, flammable liquids, illegal contraband, live animals, weapons or ammunition. **To ship a package**, use the addressee format:
[Recipient Name]
c/o Max's Vault, 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.
Any unclaimed packages after Jan. 1, 2025, will be held at the police department for one week and attempts will be made to contact the owner. If the resident doesn't respond, the packages will be returned to the sender.

Building

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Plans also call for a gated entrance, with the property surrounded by decorative fencing.
Pre-leasing will begin in summer of 2025 and move-ins are expected in the fall of 2025 with the completion of the community clubhouse and first building.

The new Plymouth Township townhomes will be about 1,800 square feet in size, with open-concept floor plans. The homes feature three bedrooms and two car garages and the developer said buyers will have multiple options for personalizing the homes. Two basic designs will be offered and feature loft spaces, bedroom level laundry rooms and full basements.
The purchase price of the homes will start at the mid-$500,000, developers said. The homes are part of a 369-unit apartment and townhouse project on Ann Arbor Road being developed by Nicolas Peraino of Pomeroy Living in conjunction with Toll Brothers.

The developer has agreed to pay $1.6 million for a paving project in the area.

"Our new community, The Towns at Plymouth Walk, represents an exceptional opportunity for home buyers seeking a luxury lifestyle close to every convenience in one of Plymouth's most desirable locations," said Isaac Boyd, division president of Toll Brothers in Michigan. "With modern home designs and an array of personalization options, this highly anticipated community will offer something for everyone at a price that provides tremendous value for area homebuyers."
In the Canton project, "Residents will enjoy a resort-style living experience, with excellent amenities including a 24-hour fitness center, a modern clubhouse, and two pet playgrounds," Heather Riggs, vice president of multifamily operations at Continental Properties, said in a press release.
Plans for the project underwent several reviews by members of the Canton Township Planning Commission and were approved by members of the Canton Township Board of Trustees in April.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

GREAT LAKES TOWING IMPOUND AND RECOVERY

On Friday, December 27th, 2024 at 11:30 am, Great Lakes Towing Impound and Recovery Division located at 42350 Van Born Rd, Belleville, Mi, County of Wayne, will conduct a public auction of Impounded and Abandoned vehicles. The following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2016	Chevrolet	4D	1G1ZE5ST4GF324694	24-0051036
2014	Cadillac	4D	1G6AX5SXXE0156189	24-0074267

The above vehicles are impounded through the City of Dearborn Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the City of Dearborn Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

2017	Chevrolet	4D	1G1ZE5ST3HF124732	24-0028940
2011	Chevrolet	4D	1G1ZB5E18BF166582	24-0028941
2017	Ford	4D	3FADP4AJ9HM128618	24-0029913
2012	Ford	4D	1FAHP3F20CL149672	24-0029913

The above vehicles are impounded through the City of Taylor Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the City of Taylor Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

2004	Strick	TRLR	1S12E95334E498392	24-0021015
1999	Dorsey	TRLR	1DTV11523XA273089	24-0021015

The above vehicles are impounded through the Romulus Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the Romulus Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

2017	Ford	SW	1FMCU0GD5HUB76343	24-0053882
2017	Ford	SW	1FDRU4XM6HKA00043	24-0053896

The above vehicles are impounded through the City of Livonia Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the City of Livonia Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

2005	Ford	SW	1FMYU03Z85KC06904	24-0062086
2010	Chrysler	4D	1C3CC4FB3AN222562	24-0063942

The above vehicles are impounded through the Westland Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the Westland Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

2019	Jeep	SW	3C4NJDCBXKT791697	24-0018074

The above vehicles are impounded through the Brownstown Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the Brownstown Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

2014	Nissan	4D	1N4AL3AP7EC199505	

The above vehicles are impounded through the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department within 48 hours of the sale.

All Vehicles are sold in "as is condition". Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction. This is a cash only sale and all vehicles must be paid in full at the conclusion of the auction.

PUBLIC AUCTION

MARTIN'S TOWING
17180 DIX TOLEDO RD.
BROWNSTOWN, MI 48193
DECEMBER 27TH, 2024 • 10:00 AM

1987 FORD 1FDKE30L6HHA81942
1993 FORD 1FDKE30M9PHA62454
2008 CHEVROLET 1G1AK18F287131035
2000 VOLKSWAGEN 3VWDD21C9YM416824
2015 CHEVROLET 2G1FK1EJ3F9276210
1991 FORD 1FACP42E4MF149688
2008 ACURA 19UUA66208A056439
2015 SUBARU JF2SJABC5FH808584
2015 NISSAN 1N4AL3AP2FN334472
2016 FORD 1FMCU9JX7GUA52077
2014 CHEVROLET 1G11B5SL6EF165065
2017 DODGE 3C4PDDBG6HT618202
2012 FORD 1FAHP3F20CL428510
2002 FORD 1FMZU63EX2ZB82712
2003 LINCOLN 1LNHM81W33Y674363
1991 TOYOTA JT2AT86F7M0061186
2005 MAZDA 4F2YZ92Z35KM53016
2017 DODGE 2C3CDZAG5HH640153
2008 CHEVROLET 1G1AL58F987242444
2021 CHEVROLET 3GNKBCRS1MS530587
2008 FORD 1FTPX14V18FB78630
2016 FORD 1FADP3N2XGL354986
2016 MERCEDES 4JGDA5HB3GA649101
2014 CHEVROLET 2GNALCEK4E6375516
2018 CHEVROLET 1G1BE5SM9J7217765
2013 FORD 2FMDK3JC3DBA73675
2016 CHRYSLER 2C3CCAGG4GH171115
2018 KIA 3KPA24AB9JE050586
2017 HYUNDAI KMHCT4AE2HU279067
2016 DODGE 3C4PDCBG0GT210254
2011 MERCEDES WDDGF8BBXBR165570
2014 FORD 1FTFW1EF0EKE83268

7th Annual
"Curling Royale"
in
"R" District

Mary Ann Banks Park
37200 Goddard Road, Romulus, MI 48174
Saturday, January 18, 2025 at 2:00 pm
TEAM registration $25 per person
Registration begins at 12:00 pm
Great Lakes BURN CAMP
*ALL PROCEEDS of this fun event will help fund the "Great Lakes Burn Camp for Kids"
(Please make checks payable to: Great Lakes Burn Camp.)
(If you are unable to participate, donations are always welcome.)
4-Person Teams - $100 per team /$25 per person
Pre-registration is recommended. This event is popular and fills up quickly!
Sign-up your team in advance by visiting the QR code or calling (734) 942-7545.
NO experience necessary! Snacks and refreshments available for purchase.
(This event is weather permitting. (ice freezing) The backup date is the next Saturday: January 25th)
*Join us for a special Happy Hour at Artisan Reserve following the event